

GREENE GOLD GREATER THAN EVER IN BASEBALL

Expert Fullerton Tells of the Scandals That Are Disgracing the National Pastime Again This Season.

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SCANDAL continues to pile up in the baseball world. The point has been reached in the development of the alleged sport where the scandalous centers around the World's Series, and the sooner the powers of baseball decide to end the annual contests the better it will be.

It was supposed that the ugly scandal of last fall, when the players of the Cubs and Red Sox struck and two-thirds of the National Commission disgraced themselves and the game, would at least teach players and officials a lesson, but they appear to be worse than ever.

In the last week we have had a player on the Boston Braves telling openly that he was approached by a gambler who offered him a bribe to throw games to the Cincinnati club. Thus far there is no indication that the baseball powers are making any effort to press the case or investigate the charge. Now come the Cincinnati Reds with a howl that they are being done out of money by the club owners.

The greed for money which has cursed the game appears to be greater this season than ever before. The players and owners do not appear to be able to stand the sudden return of prosperity and the inevitable come would be ludicrous were it not for the fact that it shows so plainly how great a part money plays in the modern game and how small by comparison the element of sportsmanship seems.

The row between the Red players and the team officials may affect the chances of the Reds of winning the World's Series. At least the spirit of anger and discontent will not help their chances of winning. It seems that the Reds planned a little business venture on their own hook. They had their pictures taken, got collectors to work getting ready and got out the prospectus of a book containing their portraits and their records. They expected to make a nice little bunch of money out of the venture and had invested some real coin in preparing the book when the club officials seemed to discover that a source of soft money was slipping away from them. At least an ad bearing the signature of Garry Herrmann appeared in the Cincinnati paper warning the public against purchasing any but the "real" and "official" book or program which was to be issued by the club.

The players naturally were angry and noisy. They claim that they have the right to get out the book and that Herrmann's ad has cut their chances of revenue. Herrmann, it is said, had a contract or made an agreement with a concessionaire at the Red park to get out the souvenir program and that part of the proceeds from such concessionaire at a World's Series belongs lawfully to the National Commission. If the Red players make an issue of it the game will result in ugly feeling, and the spectacle of players and owners who are grabbing wads of the money of the public scrambling for nickels is not an edifying one.

As for scandal in the coming World's Series it is only starting. Cincinnati, of course, will over the prospects of the series. The chances for the biggest ticket scandal of the age are declared to be ripe. If the stories they are telling in Cincinnati, Dayton and other nearby cities are even one tenth true, enough tickets have been already promised to fill all the reserved seats. One man told they will sell the tickets in Ohio have been promised wads of tickets for their friends and relatives.

If the National Commission has any desire to prevent a big ticket scandal it would better start right now. As for the charge of the Boston player that an attempt to bribe him was made it should not be a surprise. It is the center of gambling on baseball and has been for years. The evil has not been properly stamped out, although President Johnson made an effort to clean up the American League game and the gamblers have flourished and prospered on both parks and gambling in some of the downtown hotels has been conducted on a huge scale.

It was inevitable that, sooner or later, the gamblers would try to get to ball players. It is also inevitable that some day they will find one or more players weak enough to take their money and try to throw ball games. The same condition is approximated in several other cities in the country, notably Pittsburgh and the Polo Grounds when the Giants are at home. The New York American League team has managed to keep the gamblers quiet by expelling scores from the grounds and refusing to sell them tickets, but as soon as the Giants return some of the old boys will turn horns pile back of third base and bet on plays.

It is curious how Boston came to be the center of the gambling crowd. In the old days of Anson, when Frank Selee led his great team in Boston, the gamblers occupied seats back of third base in the low field seats. The odds they laid were scandalous and the Chicago club used to try to break up gambling there by winning all the money. I suppose I was the only person ever punished on those grounds. In one series the gamblers were laying 3 to 1 against Chicago and with Griffith and Cullen pitching. The odds were ridiculous. The first day the Chicago made up a pool and wagered it at those odds and lost. The next day they increased the pot and lost again. On the third day the gamblers were laying 21-2 to 1 against Griffith and the boys made up a big pool and gave me the money to wager for them.

The amount ran over \$1,000. I did not know the man who accepted the wager and suggested that we take the money to Jake Morris and let him wager for them.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
Club.	W.	L.	Pct.
Cincinnati	51	24	.681
St. Louis	48	27	.640
Chicago	47	28	.625
Boston	46	29	.613
Philadelphia	45	30	.600
Washington	44	31	.588
Pittsburgh	43	32	.575
Brussels	42	33	.562
New York	41	34	.550
San Francisco	40	35	.537
Philadelphia	39	36	.524
St. Louis	38	37	.511
Chicago	37	38	.498
Boston	36	39	.485
Washington	35	40	.472
Pittsburgh	34	41	.459
Brussels	33	42	.446
New York	32	43	.433
San Francisco	31	44	.420
Philadelphia	30	45	.407
St. Louis	29	46	.394
Chicago	28	47	.381
Boston	27	48	.368
Washington	26	49	.355
Pittsburgh	25	50	.342
Brussels	24	51	.329
New York	23	52	.316
San Francisco	22	53	.303
Philadelphia	21	54	.290
St. Louis	20	55	.277
Chicago	19	56	.264
Boston	18	57	.251
Washington	17	58	.238
Pittsburgh	16	59	.225
Brussels	15	60	.212
New York	14	61	.199
San Francisco	13	62	.186
Philadelphia	12	63	.173
St. Louis	11	64	.160
Chicago	10	65	.147
Boston	9	66	.134
Washington	8	67	.121
Pittsburgh	7	68	.108
Brussels	6	69	.095
New York	5	70	.082
San Francisco	4	71	.069
Philadelphia	3	72	.056
St. Louis	2	73	.043
Chicago	1	74	.030
Boston	0	75	.017

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
Club.	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	47	28	.625
St. Louis	46	29	.613
Philadelphia	45	30	.600
Washington	44	31	.588
Boston	43	32	.575
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Washington	7	68	.108
Pittsburgh	6	69	.095
Brussels	5	70	.082
New York	4	71	.069
San Francisco	3	72	.056
Philadelphia	2	73	.043
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NEW INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.			
Club.	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	47	28	.625
St. Louis	46	29	.613
Philadelphia	45	30	.600
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Pittsburgh	6	69	.095
Brussels	5	70	.082
New York	4	71	.069
San Francisco	3	72	.056
Philadelphia	2	73	.043
St. Louis	1	74	.030
Chicago	0	75	.017

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Lynch, who was umpiring, fell upon me. He ordered me off the grounds, and after a time I sneaked around into the field seats and scored the game from there. The gambler was